

NORTHERN MIDDLESEX COUNTY CABLE ADVISORY COUNCIL-email:
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Minutes of September 21, 2015

Middletown Town Hall – Council Chamber Room

Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jon Pulino (M) Bill Wilson (M), Gary Aubin (EH), Marco Iacoviello, John Schilke (M), Ken Measimer (EH), Robin Goss (M), Jay Polke(C), Victor Harpley(C),

Comcast: Tyler Kiddleman, Kirsten Perrin, John Bairos

Public: John Clark.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Call to order
3. Roll Call: Names taken upon entering.
4. Approval of Agenda: Amendment to the Agenda
Gary Aubin stands down as Secretary of NMCCAC
Marco accepts the nomination and becomes new Secretary

Unanimous vote in favor of new secretary

5. Approval of last meeting minutes. Spell a few names correctly!!

Approved. Victor and Jay abstain.

6. Public speaking - Under 5 mins: None.

7. Public speaking - Under 10 mins: John Clark VP/GM WCNX Inc/WCNX TV

- i. Complains about the turnover of Public Access

Studio Employees

- a. Wants Comcast to hire more dedicated employees

- b. NOTHING the Board can do about that!!

- ii. Wants to know where the money from all of the customers is going because he hasn't seen anything being spent at the new studio. Most of the equipment came from the old studio and with all of the money coming from the customers over the last few years, nothing has been spent to upgrade any of the equipment.

- iii. He is moving his shows to the Westbrook studio.

8. Treasurer's report: \$28,118.36. \$1000. Went to scholarship recipient. Question was raised whether Frontier does\should pay a portion of the 'Subscriber Paid' fee? John Bairos stated that Frontier pays their fees to the Statewide Video Advisory Council. Victor Harpley agreed to look into this matter.

9. Chairman's report:
 - a) Discussed membership review. Lisa Santangelo submitted her resignation to the Mayor.
 - a. Marco will send a letter to the Mayor requesting a prompt replacement.
 - b) Bill W will call Middlefield's First Selectman to see about filling Ken's position on the board.
 - c) Jon had a question about the MXCC lines being worked on. John Bairos stated that the feed is done....MXCC will be broadcasting on Channel 15.
10. Vice-Chairman's report:
 - a) Hopefully more students will apply for the Justin Hinds scholarship next year.
11. Comcast report:
 - a) John B mentioned the CSPAN "Road to the White House" Award given out on 7/20/2015.
 - b) John B mentioned the Hiring of Veterans by Comcast and the Reduced Internet prices for low income families. Bill Wilson asked about any reduced prices for Senior citizens. John stated that there is currently a Pilot Program in another state and will keep us informed on the results of the program.
12. Public Access report:
 - a) Report of new shows and training for last two months.
13. Business before the committee:
 - a) Showed pictures that are being sent to newspapers (printer presentations).
 - b) Spoke about updates to the studio: Painting of walls, new equipment, etc.
 - c) Spoke about up and coming training sessions (October 8,19 and 22)
14. Comcast Channel changes (John Barrios):
 - a) John B mentioned the OWN channel is now available on the Basic Tier package
15. Customer Service updates (all members):
 - a) Customer Complaint....Customer moved to a different building in the same complex and Comcast told the customer that they would

have to start from scratch as a new customer.

b) Bill will send John customer information and John will take care of it.

16. Membership Research (Marco):

Already discussed.

17. Justin Hinds Scholarship – Marco is ready to send out applications and posters to all of the schools in our jurisdiction. Jon Pulino will send out a press release to the media.

18. Channel 19 Tech Issues - Nothing to report

19. Tabled items from July's agenda:

Marco Investigated membership per By Laws....we should have 16 members on the Board.

We are missing 1 person from Middletown, 2 people from Middlefield, 3 people from Portland and 1 person from East Hampton. Not having any luck with recruitment.

Middletown: Marco will send a letter to the Mayor for 1 new member

Middlefield: Bill Wilson will speak to the First Selectman of Middlefield

Portland: Sue Bransfield is trying to find a replacement for herself.....She's been doing the job of representing her town. Thanks Sue!!

East Hampton: Has always had 2 members....been doing well, very good attendance.....it's not "broken", don't fix it!!

20. Good of the order:

Bill Wilson calls for adjournment.

Unanimous vote.

21. Adjournment: 7:51 pm

Next meeting scheduled for September 21, 2015.

Meeting schedule for 2015: Nov. 16th

At Middletown Town Hall room 208 or council chambers.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of odd number month.